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— TO THE —

Winchcomb Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In making my Report for 1924, it is hardly necessary for me to again describe the natural and social conditions of the district, as I have previously referred to them.

The Population I take again as 9019.

BIRTHS.

The Number of Births is 151, equal to a birth rate of 16·7 per 1000. It was 17·4 per 1000 in 1923. Three of these births were illegitimate, comparing with eight last year.

DEATHS.

There have been 104 Deaths, including 7 outside the district, but belonging to the district. This is equal to a rate of 11·5 per 1000, as against 10·4 last year. Fifty of these were over 70 years of age. The principle causes of death were :—

6 died from Malignant Disease.

5 „ Tuberculosis

3 „ Premature Birth.

6 „ Accidents.

3 „ Pneumonia.

1 „ Whooping Cough.

NOTIFIED DISEASES.

1 Case of Dyphtheria.

4 „ Scarlet Fever.

1 „ Pneumonia

1 „ Encephalitis Lethargica.

8 „ Tuberculosis.

CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS.

Dumbleton closed from February 11th to February 25th, for Influenza.

Toddington from February 15th to February 29th, for Influenza and Measles.

Winchcomb Infants' School from February 18th to February 29th.

Winchcomb Boys' School from February 25th to March 7th.

Winchcomb Girls' School from February 25th to March 7th.

Stanton School from February 25th to March 7th.

Bishops Cleeve School from February 25th to March 7th.

Didbrook School from February 25th to February 29th

Alderton School from March 4th to March 14th.

All for Influenza.

Gotherington School closed from December 5th to January 5th. for Mumps.

There was a considerable epidemic of Influenza in February, and Mumps in November. In future, schools will only be closed if the health of the children is thought to be depending on their closure and for no other reason.

WATER SUPPLY.

Greet has now had the Winchcomb water laid on to that hamlet.

SEWERAGE, ETC.

All the houses newly erected in the district have been provided with w.c's., and septic tanks where sewer connections were not practicable. Alderton and Gotherington are receiving your attention regarding sewerage

MILK SUPPLY.

I have heard of no shortage in milk supply in any part of the district.

Appended is a report on the Sanitary Inspection of the district.

I beg to remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. RALPH COX,

M.O.H.



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FORM which Medical Officers of Health in the County of Gloucester are requested by the Public Health and Housing Committee of the County Council to fill up.

TABLE C.

Winchcomb Rural District

FEBRUARY 9th, 1925.

1.—General Statistics.

Area (acres) ...	...	...	...	55507
Population (1921) ...	...	...	...	9019
Number of inhabited houses (1921) ...	...	...	...	—
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921) ...	...	...	...	—
Rateable value... ..	...	...	...	72729
Sum represented by a penny rate ..	...	...	...	£220

2.—Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Births	{ Legitimate .. Illegitimate ..	...	...	Total. 148 3	M. 77 2	F. 71 1	{ Birth Rate (R.G.) }	16.7
Deaths ... ..	...	..	..	104	50	54	Death Rate (R.G.)	11.5
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, Childbirth { from sepsis " other causes								
Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births :—								
Legitimate	3	Illegitimate	1	Total	4		...	None
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	none				...	None
" Whooping Cough (all ages)	1						...	
" Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	none						...	
Specify any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment. None								

3.—Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	1	—	—
Scarlet Fever	4	4	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—
Pneumonia	1	1	1
Other diseases generally notifiable. Encephalitis Legthorgica (Specify disease)	1	1	—
Other diseases notifiably locally. (Specify disease)	—	—	—
Tuberculosis :—			
a Pulmonary { M. F. Total	1 4 5		
b Non-pulmonary { M. F. Total	2 1 3		

<i>Ophthalmia Neonatorum.</i>	<i>Cases.</i>			<i>Vision unimpaired.</i>	<i>Vision impaired.</i>	<i>Total Blindness.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
	<i>Notified.</i>	<i>Treated.</i>					
		<i>At home.</i>	<i>In hospital</i>				
<i>None.</i>							

4.—Sickness during year.

Influenza in February and March.
Mumps in November and December.

—Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District.

a Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

1	Tuberculosis.....	No. of Beds	—
2	Maternity	No. of Beds	—
3	Children.....	No. of Beds	—
4	Fever.....	No. of Beds	10
5	Smallpox	No. of Beds	—
6	Other	No. of Beds	—
<i>b</i> Ambulance Facilities :		Horse Carriage	
		{ For infectious cases	...
		{ For non-infectious and accident cases	—

6.—List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws and Local Regulations relating to the Public Health.

Nil.

7.—Sanitary Administration.

(1)—Water Supply.

<i>a</i>	Is there deficiency in any part, and, if so, what part or parts ? ...	...
<i>b</i>	Has there been any change in the existing sources of supply ? ...	Extension to Greet.
<i>c</i>	Has any application for a loan been made ? ...	No
	1 Amount ...	
	2 Purpose ...	
<i>d</i>	Number of new connections with public supply ...	10
<i>e</i>	Number of wells sunk, or improved sources of supply provided ...	Nil.
<i>f</i>	Number of wells closed ...	Nil.
<i>g</i>	Number of samples taken for examination ...	7

(2.)—Sewerage and Drainage.

<i>a</i>	In what parishes, if any, is there need for	Gotherington and Alderton.
	1 A sewerage system ...	...
	2 Improvements in existing sewerage ? ...	—
	3 Improvements in sewerage disposal ? ...	—
<i>b</i>	Has any application for a Loan been made ? ...	No
	1 Amount ...	
	2 Purpose ...	
<i>c</i>	Number of houses in each parish newly connected with sewers ..	6
<i>d</i>	Number of w.c.'s newly supplied with flushing cisterns ...	7
<i>e</i>	Number of earth closets, pail closets, or improved privies constructed ...	—
<i>f</i>	Number of notices served to empty “Privy Vaults” ...	—
<i>g</i>	Number of privy vaults abolished ...	2
<i>h</i>	Number of new drains constructed ...	27

(3) Refuse Disposal.

<i>a</i>	In what parishes have arrangements been made for the removal or disposal of house refuse ? ...	Wincheomb and Lower Guiting
<i>b</i>	What changes in the collection or disposal were made during 1924 ? ...	Nil

(4) Numbers inspected of each of the following :

	No. on Register.	No. Inspected.	Total No. of Inspection.
<i>a</i> Common Lodging Houses	Nil	—	—
<i>b</i> Slaughter Houses	4	4	104
<i>c</i> Bakehouses	19	19	51
<i>d</i> Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops	89	89	100
Canal Boats	—	—	—
<i>f</i> Workshops	19	19	38
<i>g</i> Residences of out-workers	—	—	—



7.—Sanitary Administration—Continued.

5.—General

<i>a</i>	Number of complaints received	...	...	35
<i>b</i>	Number of nuisances reported to District Council—			
1	Total	...	...	35
2	Swine	...	...	1
<i>c</i>	Total number of nuisances abated	...	...	34
<i>d</i>	Total number of preliminary notices served	...	...	27
<i>e</i>	Total number of Statutory notices served	...	..	5
<i>f</i>	Total number of summonses taken out	...	...	1
<i>g</i>	Total number of convictions	...	...	1
<i>h</i>	Number of houses disinfected	...	...	7
<i>i</i>	Methods of disinfection used	...	Formaldehyde	

8—Public Health Staff.

1	Medical Officer of Health G. R. COX.	QUALIFICATIONS :	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
2	Sanitary Inspector H. BROWN.	"	R. SAN. INSTITUTE
2	Others—3 Sewage Works Managers.		

9—Housing

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

<i>a</i>	Total.	...	...	...	5
<i>b</i>	As part of a municipal housing scheme.	...	...	...	Nil

1. *Unfit dwelling houses.*

Inspection—1	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	15
2	Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	...	...	17
3	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	Nil
4	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	Nil

2. *Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	Nil
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers.*

A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	..	...	...	15
2	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :—				
<i>a</i>	by owners	...	...	...	11
<i>b</i>	by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	Nil
3	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by owners of intention to close	...	...	...	2

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	17
2	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—			
<i>a</i>	by owners	...	...	11
<i>b</i>	by Local Authority in default of owners	..	...	Nil

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18, of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909

1	Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	...	...	...	2
2	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	2
3	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	..	...	—	1
	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	Nil
5	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	Nil

10.—What are the Chief Sanitary Requirements of the District.

Signed **G. RALPH COX,**
Medical Officer of Health.

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on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

INCLUDING INSPECTION MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises. 1	Number of		
	Inspections. 2	Written Notices 3	Prosecutions. 4
Factories	35	—	—
Including Factory Laundries			
Workshops	70	—	—
Including Workshops, Laundries and Bakehouses			
Workplaces	—	—	—
Other than Outworkers' premises			
Total	105	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS & WORKPLACES

Particulars. 1	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions 5
	Found. 2	Remedied. 3	Referred to H.M. Inspector. 4	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of cleanliness ... ..	...	...	...
Want of ventilation ... ..	...	...	...
Overcrowding ... ..	...	...	...
Want of drainage of floors ... ..	...	...	...
Other nuisances ... ..	...	...	...
Sanitary accommodation {	insufficient	...	...
	unsuitable or defective	..	...
	not separate for sexes	...	...
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouses (s. 101) ..	...		
Other offences ... ..	...	...	...
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.)				
Total .. ..	...	...	..

RURAL
DISTRICT.

There are no underground Bakehouses in District. No cases of employment of young persons have been met with in the District where the “ Acts ’ have not been complied with. The whole of the Bakehouses have been periodically inspected and found satisfactory.

(Signed) G. RALPH COX,
Medical Officer of Health.

February 9th, 1925.



